

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HR 346:

## A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

### 2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, the lives of five nursing students from Georgia Southern University, Caitlyn  
4 Baggett, Morgan Bass, Emily Clark, Abbie Deloach, and Catherine McKay Pittman, were  
5 tragically cut short on Interstate 16 on April 22, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Caitlyn Baggett transferred to Georgia Southern University from East Georgia  
7 State College, and this junior nursing student had a great love for children and planned to  
8 work as a pediatric nurse; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Millen, Georgia, Caitlyn was known by many as a small town girl  
10 with a big personality and was a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Morgan Bass was from Leesburg, Georgia, and was a member of the Alpha  
12 Omicron Pi Sorority; and

13 WHEREAS, a compassionate and kind young woman, Morgan planned on becoming a nurse  
14 anesthetist and wanted to work with babies; and

15 WHEREAS, a native of Powder Springs, Georgia, Emily Clark graduated with honors from  
16 Harrison High School, where she was a cheerleader and loved spending her free time  
17 volunteering to help those less fortunate; and

18 WHEREAS, Emily maintained a 4.0 grade point average while at Georgia Southern  
19 University, was on both the President's and Dean's lists, and was a member of the executive  
20 council for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; and

21 WHEREAS, Abbie Deloach was from Savannah, Georgia, and graduated from Savannah  
22 Christian Preparatory School, where she earned varsity letters in basketball, volleyball, and  
23 track; and

24 WHEREAS, while at Georgia Southern University, Abbie joined Kappa Delta Sorority as  
25 a legacy, where her leadership skills shone as recommendation chairperson and a member  
26 of the homecoming step team; and

27 WHEREAS, a junior from Alpharetta, Georgia, Catherine McKay Pittman graduated from  
28 Milton High School, where she was an exemplary member of the school's soccer team; and

29 WHEREAS, Catherine was president of Alpha Delta Chi Sorority, was active in mission  
30 work, and served as a student ambassador, hosting recruits and prospective students on  
31 behalf of Georgia Southern University; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable Georgians be  
33 recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their memory.

34 **PART II**

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick Price was born in Marietta, Georgia, the beloved son of Gene and  
36 Paula Price; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Price was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he  
38 played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of  
39 Georgia as the Strategic Planning, Initiatives, and Innovations Coordinator for the State  
40 Board of Pardons and Paroles; and

41 WHEREAS, a graduate of Lassiter High School, Mr. Price earned a bachelor's degree from  
42 Kennesaw State University; and

43 WHEREAS, he passionately crusaded for the release of inmates who were wrongly serving  
44 lengthy sentences for minor offenses and who met criteria under new legislation that made  
45 them eligible for early release from prison; and

46 WHEREAS, known by many for his compassionate heart and bright smile, Mr. Price's  
47 mission was to help inmates through his service as a peace officer and through his lobbying  
48 efforts as a legislative liaison for the Board at the state capitol; and

49 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Price was an active member of First  
50 Baptist Church of Woodstock where he taught fifth grade Sunday school and mentored  
51 dozens of students for many years; and

52 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
53 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by  
54 dedicating a bridge in his honor.

55 **PART III**

56 WHEREAS, Mr. James Bland, Sr., was born on December 3, 1921, and was a well-known  
57 and beloved farmer in Clay County; and

58 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bland served as a longtime member and  
59 deacon at St. James AME Church and later joined the Pentecostal Church of God; and

60 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Lula Bell McCrae in 1940, a union which  
61 blessed him with five remarkable children, Eddie, Ruthie, Curtis, James, and Minnie; and

62 WHEREAS, Mr. Bland was a devoted community leader, teaching many young people of  
63 Clay County on the importance of nature and the great outdoors; and

64 WHEREAS, he served as a role model to others, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that  
65 the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished  
66 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

67 **PART IV**

68 WHEREAS, the G.L. Huff family of Gilmer County, Georgia, has a rich history and tradition  
69 of service to the community; and

70 WHEREAS, Mr. G.L. Huff, Sr., was born on May 1, 1905, in Carroll County, Georgia, the  
71 beloved son of William Levi Huff and Mary Elizabeth Bonner Huff; and

72 WHEREAS, Mr. Huff, Sr., served as mayor of the City of Ellijay, where his leadership and  
73 foresight were instrumental in the city's purchase of a water treatment plant, construction of  
74 a sewage treatment plant, and the building of a reservoir, helping to ensure adequate water  
75 supply for the city during periods of population growth; and

76 WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, Mr. Huff, Sr., supported infrastructure expansion  
77 through the paving of numerous streets and aided in housing development efforts by  
78 approving the construction of low-rent and elderly housing as chairman of the Ellijay  
79 Housing Authority; and

80 WHEREAS, born on August 25, 1928, Mr. G.L. Huff, Jr., was a pharmacist at Watson Drug  
81 Store in Ellijay and went on to serve as co-owner of Ellijay Drug Store and Huff Bros., Inc.;  
82 and

83 WHEREAS, Mr. Huff, Jr., played a major role in aviation in Gilmer County, building the  
84 city's first airstrip in the 1960s; and

85 WHEREAS, he spearheaded the construction of and fundraising for a sports stadium for  
86 Gilmer High School, named the Huff-Mosely Memorial Stadium; and

87 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished family  
88 be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in its memory.

89 **PART V**

90 WHEREAS, Reverend John D. McDaniel was a longtime resident of Fannin County,  
91 Georgia, where he lived until his passing in 1913; and

92 WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel served as Fannin County's first commissioner of education,  
93 now known as county superintendent of schools, a position which required him to perform  
94 certification tests for teachers, issue teaching licenses, assign teachers to particular schools,  
95 advise teachers on job opportunities, and communicate information regarding county schools  
96 to the public; and

97 WHEREAS, at the time he held this esteemed position, Fannin County had an average of  
98 only one teacher per school and he earned a salary of roughly \$3 per day for his service; and

99 WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel represented Fannin County in the Georgia General  
100 Assembly from 1893 to 1897 as a member of the House of Representatives where he gained  
101 notoriety for his successful efforts to obtain national grave markers for Southerners who  
102 served in the Civil War, a laudable feat given his known views as a pacifist; and

103 WHEREAS, he was a driving force behind the movement to change Fannin County's seat  
104 from Morganton to Blue Ridge; and

105 WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel secured funding for construction of the bridge at  
106 Fightingtown Creek, which was often ravaged by floodwaters and so became known  
107 throughout the area as the "Lost Bridge"; and

108 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
109 sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by  
110 dedicating a bridge in his memory.

111 **PART VI**

112 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished  
113 citizens with the passing of Mr. Benjamin "Benny" Norton Whitaker on August 13, 2015;  
114 and

115 WHEREAS, a native of Gilmer County, Georgia, Mr. Whitaker was born on  
116 September 1, 1927, the beloved son of Cecil and Ovaline Norton Whitaker; and

117 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker was well known and respected for his leadership and guidance  
118 as a Gilmer County commissioner and state representative for the 7th District; and

119 WHEREAS, known as the "Common Man Candidate" and "Common Sense Candidate," Mr.  
120 Whitaker diligently and conscientiously served the citizens of Gilmer County as county  
121 commissioner from 1972 to 1988 and as a state representative from 1992 to 1998; and

122 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker spent 28 years in the produce business, in which he developed  
123 a fiscal responsibility which transferred to his leadership as a county and state representative,  
124 where he demonstrated great care to save the county money; and

125 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in securing property for a new public library and the site  
126 of Dalton State College satellite campus, helped oversee the building of the Whitepath Golf  
127 Course and Gilmer County Civic Center, and worked with the state transportation board for  
128 the construction of Highway 515; and

129 WHEREAS, his diligent efforts led to the extension of a natural gas line to Ellijay, the  
130 organization of Gilmer County's first official fire department, and the construction of Gilmer  
131 County's first senior citizen center; and

132 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the General Assembly, Mr. Whitaker sponsored  
133 numerous pieces of legislation that uplifted the North Georgia mountain communities and  
134 state, including the establishment of the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)  
135 program, secured funding for court record modernization, and support of the North Georgia  
136 Medical Center; and

137 WHEREAS, during his time with the General Assembly, Mr. Whitaker sponsored and led  
138 the passage of a law requiring visible identification on all vehicles owned by the state; and

139 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
140 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

141 **PART VII**

142 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
143 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Chief Frank McClelland, Jr., in September,  
144 2018; and

145 WHEREAS, Chief McClelland served as Police Chief for the City of Ludowici and was  
146 highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials  
147 as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law  
148 enforcement; and

149 WHEREAS, Chief McClelland's life was cut short in the line of duty when a motorist fleeing  
150 arrest lost control of his vehicle and struck this dedicated law enforcement officer as he was  
151 directing the traveling public away from harm; and

152 WHEREAS, Chief McClelland exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,  
153 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties and it is abundantly fitting  
154 and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by  
155 dedicating a road in his memory.

156 **PART VIII**

157 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr., was born on April 19, 1945, in Americus,  
158 Georgia, a beloved son of Jack and Yip Hanner; and

159 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
160 States Coast Guard, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the  
161 Vietnam War; and

162 WHEREAS, Mr. Hanner was dedicated to a life of civil servitude; he was the vice president  
163 of the Georgia Jaycees, the president of the local Jaycees, and a Georgia State Representative  
164 from 1975 until his retirement in 2013; and

165 WHEREAS, he served on a number of committees during his time with the General  
166 Assembly, including as Chairman of the Department of Natural Resources; Chairman of the  
167 Game, Fish, and Parks Committee; and Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee; and

168 WHEREAS, his involvement with the board of the Terrell County Chamber of Commerce,  
169 the Statewide Water Management Commission, and the Main Street Theater is further  
170 testimony to his commitment to his community; and

171 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hanner was an active member of the First  
172 Baptist Church of Dawson; and

173 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, and was blessed with  
174 three remarkable children, Robert, Jr., Jeff, and Matt; and two wonderful grandchildren,  
175 Robert III and Maxwell; and

176 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
177 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
178 family and friends were admired by others; and

179 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
180 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by  
181 dedicating a bridge in his memory.

182 **PART IX**

183 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Morton Fort, Jr., was born on February 1, 1923, in Vienna,  
184 Georgia, the beloved son of Gladys Davis Fort and Thomas Morton Fort, Sr., and owned and  
185 operated Fort Oil Co., Inc., in Lumpkin, Georgia, until his retirement in 1989; and

186 WHEREAS, a graduate of Lumpkin High School, Mr. Fort attended North Georgia College  
187 before volunteering to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
188 States Army Air Corps during World War II; and

189 WHEREAS, Mr. Fort was serving as a B-17 pilot based in Foggia, Italy, when his plane was  
190 shot down on June 16, 1944, during a mission over Vienna and he was captured in  
191 Yugoslavia; and

192 WHEREAS, this courageous and selfless American hero spent 11 months in prisoner of war  
193 camps in Poland and Germany; and

194 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Fort was a member of Lumpkin United  
195 Methodist Church and its administrative board; and

196 WHEREAS, Mr. Fort's leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous  
197 organizations, including the Dawson Camp of Gideons International, Georgia Department  
198 of Ex-Prisoners of War, Valley Chapter of Ex-Prisoners of War, Andrew College Board of  
199 Trustees, and Board of Directors for Farmers State Bank; and

200 WHEREAS, he was a 50 year member of both the Cross Lodge #173 F&AM and the  
201 Lumpkin Lions Club; and

202 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
203 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by  
204 dedicating a bridge in his memory.



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**PART X**

206 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware, Sr., was born on April 7, 1930, in East Chicago,  
207 Indiana, the beloved son of Claude, Sr., and Bettie Ware; and

208 WHEREAS, after successful careers at Teamsters and Georgia Power, Mr. Ware worked  
209 tirelessly as a community leader and advocate; and

210 WHEREAS, he dedicated his time, talent, and energy to lobbying at the Georgia capitol and  
211 in local communities to increase voter turnout and registered thousands of voters; and

212 WHEREAS, known for his signature white hat, Mr. Ware was a beloved advocate for  
213 seniors, always ready to provide a voice for others in support of issues important to the aging  
214 community; and

215 WHEREAS, Mr. Ware's tireless efforts were recognized with numerous accolades and  
216 awards, including a Distinguished Older Georgian Award from the Georgia Council on  
217 Aging and a Martha Eaves Award from the Atlanta Regional Commission; and

218 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
219 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

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**PART XI**

221 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished  
222 citizens with the passing of the Honorable Grace Wilkerson Davis on May 3, 2011; and

223 WHEREAS, Representative Davis was united in love and marriage to Curtis Davis and was  
224 blessed with a remarkable son, Curtis Davis, Jr., two wonderful grandchildren, and two  
225 adored great-grandchildren; and

226 WHEREAS, while in New York, Representative Davis got her first taste of politics while  
227 working for the election of John Lindsay as the city's mayor in 1965; and

228 WHEREAS, she moved back to Georgia in the late 1960s and began working at WAOK  
229 radio station as a controller and accountant, and she became involved with the Civil Rights  
230 Movement after the leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Representative

231 Tyrone Brooks, along with other members showed up at the station to show support for the  
232 African American staff; and

233 WHEREAS, she accompanied Representative Brooks and others in a motorcade to Plains to  
234 protest President Jimmy Carter's firing of the United Nations Ambassador, Andrew Young;  
235 and

236 WHEREAS, the Honorable Grace Davis was an outspoken advocate in the Georgia House  
237 of Representatives from 1987 to 1998; and

238 WHEREAS, Representative Davis was credited with successfully shepherding a bill to  
239 passage that slapped stiffer controls on mortgage refinance practices, which prevented  
240 hundreds of low-income homeowners from losing their homes; and

241 WHEREAS, she also won passage of her bill to create a Georgia commission on the status  
242 of women, which mandated the study of state laws and policies to recommend more educated  
243 approaches for dealing with women's issues; and

244 WHEREAS, Representative Davis was appointed project director of the Aging Services  
245 Division in Georgia's Department of Human Services, a position she held for four years; and

246 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
247 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to  
248 her family and friends were admired by others; and

249 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Representative Davis will long be  
250 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, wife, mother,  
251 grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune  
252 of knowing her; and

253 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
254 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by  
255 dedicating a bridge in her memory.

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**PART XII**

257 WHEREAS, 600 Woodbine Thiokol Chemical Plant workers fulfilled America's sacred  
258 obligation of supplying the United States military with vital munitions; and

259 WHEREAS, these dedicated patriots served as civilian contractors by manufacturing  
260 munitions and deterrent gases for use by the United States Army during the Vietnam War;  
261 and

262 WHEREAS, the munitions produced by these workers were utilized in three military arsenals  
263 and saved the lives of countless American soldiers; and

264 WHEREAS, the Thiokol Plant workers supported the liberation of the people of South  
265 Vietnam and sought to promote democracy through their efforts; and

266 WHEREAS, the workers at Thiokol Plant were an important part of American history by  
267 standing as exemplars of the modern workplace as one of the first in American industry that  
268 was racially integrated and consisted of both men and women; and

269 WHEREAS, the lives of 30 plant workers were tragically cut short in 1971 and 1973, but the  
270 tragic loss of these Georgians changed the quality of life for millions of Americans, resulting  
271 in improvements in transportation, emergency medical services, mass tort litigation, and  
272 plant safety; and

273 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the ultimate sacrifice made by these 30  
274 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in their memory.

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**PART XIII**

276 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard L. Tucker has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
277 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
278 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

279 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker's leadership has been instrumental to the University System of  
280 Georgia Board of Regents for 14 years; and

281 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,

282 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
283 dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County; and

284 WHEREAS, as a leader for Gwinnett, Mr. Tucker has served as a charter member of the  
285 Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Governor's Development Council,  
286 president/CEO of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Gwinnett  
287 Convention & Visitors Bureau/Explore Gwinnett, Georgia Gwinnett College Board of  
288 Trustees, Georgia Medical Foundation, and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful; and

289 WHEREAS, a native of DeKalb County, Georgia, Mr. Tucker earned a bachelor's degree  
290 from the University of Georgia in business administration and serves as the principal and  
291 managing partner of Arlington Capital, LLC, a private equity fund; and

292 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,  
293 including a Four Pillar Award from the Council for Quality Growth and recognition by  
294 *Georgia Trend Magazine* as one of Georgia's 100 Most Influential Leaders; and

295 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
296 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

297 **PART XIV**

298 WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Russell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
299 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
300 of the citizens of Georgia; and

301 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell earned a doctoral degree in agricultural chemistry from Ohio State  
302 University and has a 20 year background in pesticide research, with much of it conducted at  
303 the nation's most prestigious golf courses and resorts, including Augusta National, Opryland  
304 USA, Disneyland, PGA National, and Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club; and

305 WHEREAS, as the founder of Russell Landscape Group, Dr. Russell has grown this family  
306 owned and operated business from its inception in 1987 to the largest, privately held Georgia  
307 based landscape firm; and

308 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
309 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
310 dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County; and

311 WHEREAS, as a leader for Gwinnett, Dr. Russell has served as a board member of the  
312 Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gwinnett Health System,  
313 Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation, Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia,  
314 Gwinnett Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Council for Quality Growth, and the  
315 Gwinnett Chamber of Clean and Beautiful; and

316 WHEREAS, his leadership has been instrumental to the state as chairperson of the Georgia  
317 World Congress Center Authority Board of Governors; and

318 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including  
319 a Howard Allen Business of the Year Award in 2003, Distinguished Citizen Award from  
320 Gwinnett Medical Center, Pioneer Lifetime Achievement Award from the Metro Atlanta  
321 Landscape and Turf Association, the Scott Hudgens Distinguished Citizen Award from the  
322 Northeast Council of Boy Scouts of America, the Public Service Award from the Gwinnett  
323 County Board of Education, and Citizen of the Year Award from the Gwinnett Chamber of  
324 Commerce; and

325 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
326 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

327 **PART XV**

328 WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne Mason has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
329 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
330 of the citizens of Georgia; and

331 WHEREAS, a native of Gwinnett County, Mr. Mason is the founder and president of Mason  
332 Family Companies, which invests and develops single-family and multifamily properties and  
333 commercial and industrial developments throughout metropolitan Atlanta and the Southeast;  
334 and

335 WHEREAS, just a few of Mr. Mason's accomplishments with Mason Family Companies  
336 include developing the 300 acre Cisco Systems corporate campus; Gwinnett County's first

337 mixed use project, Global Forum; Duluth's first mixed use project, Crossroads; 400  
338 Commons in Forsyth County; assembling property for Discover Mills in Lawrenceville; and  
339 planning of redevelopment which helped spur the City of Atlanta's Beltline; and

340 WHEREAS, Mr. Mason served on the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners from 1972  
341 to 1980, where his tenure was marked with numerous accomplishments, including  
342 developing lasting relationships with bond and finance houses which led to county  
343 infrastructure improvements such as a new water treatment plant, more than 800 miles of  
344 roads, a county-wide fire protection network, Gwinnett's first modern police headquarters,  
345 the county's first land use plan, and the county's first business licensing program; and

346 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
347 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
348 dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County, serving as a board  
349 member of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, Council for Quality Growth,  
350 Georgia Gwinnett College Foundation, and Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation; and

351 WHEREAS, Mr. Mason has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including  
352 Citizen of the Year Award from the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce and a Button  
353 Gwinnett Award for lifetime public and professional contributions from the Council for  
354 Quality Growth; and

355 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
356 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

357 **PART XVI**

358 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished  
359 citizens with the passing of Mr. James Price "Pa" Chapman on November 20, 2003; and

360 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman was born on April 22, 1919, and was a native of Lumpkin  
361 County, Georgia, where he lived his entire life near the intersection of Highway 52 and  
362 Major Abercrombie Road; and

363 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
364 United States Army during World War II with the 10th Mountain Division in the 87th  
365 Mountain Infantry Regiment; and

366 WHEREAS, his division was one of the last to be activated for combat and fought in  
367 Northern Italy for over 110 days without retreating; and

368 WHEREAS, this amazing hero was awarded a Bronze Star for this action in combat on April  
369 18, 1945; and

370 WHEREAS, after his service to his country, Mr. Chapman returned home to Lumpkin  
371 County, where he worked for many years in the paint and auto body industry and later went  
372 on to run a successful chicken and cattle farming business for nearly 40 years; and

373 WHEREAS, despite having only a sixth grade education, Mr. Chapman was known by many  
374 as one of the smartest men in town and was often turned to for help in making a challenging  
375 repair; and

376 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Pa," Mr. Chapman was always willing to lend a hand  
377 to someone in need and never met a stranger; and

378 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman was a man of deep and abiding faith, serving as a member and  
379 deacon of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church for 52 years; and

380 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
381 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

382 **PART XVII**

383 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
384 with the passing of Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks on January 3, 2019; and

385 WHEREAS, a native of Dacula, Georgia, Mayor Wilbanks was a graduate of the Gwinnett  
386 County Public School System and the University of Georgia; and

387 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks was first elected to serve the citizens of Dacula in 1971, ably  
388 and adeptly serving for eight years; and

389 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were called upon again in 2002 when he was  
390 re-elected as the mayor of Dacula, and he was serving his third term at the time of his  
391 passing; and

392 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks served as president of the Gwinnett Municipal Association in  
393 2007 and served as a member of the organization's Legislative Policy Committee; and

394 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks also served the people of this state through his employment  
395 with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief for more than 20 years;  
396 and

397 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Wilbanks was an active member and  
398 leader at Hebron Baptist Church; and

399 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
400 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

401 **PART XVIII**

402 WHEREAS, Reverend Marlon Harris has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the  
403 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,  
404 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

405 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris was born in El Paso, Texas, was raised in South Carolina, and  
406 currently serves as the founding pastor of New Life Church in Decatur; and

407 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris established New Life Community Ministries in 2002 as a  
408 mission of New Life Church, which has improved the spiritual and educational growth of the  
409 church and the surrounding community; and

410 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
411 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
412 humanitarian, Reverend Harris serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

413 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Harris and New Life  
414 Church is a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all  
415 economic strata; and

416 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
417 Georgian and his outstanding church be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in  
418 their honor.



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**PART XIX**

420 WHEREAS, Mr. Maron Sidney Buice has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
421 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
422 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

423 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
424 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
425 dramatically by his 16 years of public service as a Gwinnett County Commissioner; and

426 WHEREAS, during his tenure from 1968 to 1984 with the Gwinnett County Board of  
427 Commissioners, Mr. Buice fought hard for securing safety for the traveling public through  
428 his work to have signals placed at railroad crossings in North Gwinnett; and

429 WHEREAS, Mr. Buice's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable  
430 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the  
431 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;  
432 and

433 WHEREAS, his influence and determination can be felt today with the countless lives saved  
434 due to his hard fought battle to ensure a bridge was constructed on Nelson Brogdon  
435 Boulevard/Highway 20 over the railroad tracks, a crossing that claimed the lives of five  
436 Forsyth County teenagers in 1970 when their car collided with a train; and

437 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
438 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

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**PART XX**

440 WHEREAS, Congressman Michael Allen "Mac" Collins has long been recognized by the  
441 citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal  
442 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

443 WHEREAS, a native of Butts County, Georgia, Congressman Collins was educated in the  
444 Butts County School System and later served as a business owner and operator of a trucking  
445 company; and

446 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
447 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
448 state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates as a two-term  
449 member of the Georgia Senate; and

450 WHEREAS, in 1992, Congressman Collins successfully unseated an incumbent seeking  
451 office for the 3rd District of the United States House of Representatives; and

452 WHEREAS, he served as a Congressman for six terms, ably and adeptly representing the  
453 people of Butts County and Georgia with honor and distinction; and

454 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
455 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

456 **PART XXI**

457 WHEREAS, Mr. R. Wayne Crockett has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
458 for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
459 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

460 WHEREAS, as a well-respected leader of Burke County, Mr. Crockett was one of the  
461 county's most successful businessman; and

462 WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett served on the Burke County Board of Commissioners for 16 years,  
463 where his tenure included eight years as chairman; and

464 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
465 talents, and energy toward the betterment of the community and state as evidenced  
466 dramatically by his 24 years of superlative service on the Board of Edmund Burke Academy;  
467 and

468 WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett's leadership and guidance were instrumental in helping the Burke  
469 Medical Center achieve and maintain financial viability and in the establishment of an animal  
470 control program for Burke County; and

471 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
472 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

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**PART XXII**

474 WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Lassetter was born on March 1, 1967, in Newnan, Georgia, the  
475 beloved son of George Buren Lassetter and Jacqueline Dyer Lassetter; and

476 WHEREAS, at age 12, Mr. Lassetter began working in his family's businesses, Lassetter  
477 Transport, Coweta Gas Company, Troup County Gas Company, and Meriweather County  
478 Gas Company; and

479 WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter took over the family's businesses in 1979 and continued to lead  
480 them successfully for over 35 years; and

481 WHEREAS, a compassionate business man, Mr. Lassetter would often provide aid or free  
482 gas services to the elderly who were unable to pay for their monthly heating bills; and

483 WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter was known by many as a father figure and leader, raising not only  
484 his three biological children but many children in need as a foster parent; and

485 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Lassetter was a member and deacon at  
486 Unity Baptist Church, where he worked tirelessly on the church's worship center and  
487 adjoining facilities; and

488 WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter's life was tragically cut short, when on December 5, 2012, he  
489 entered a burning building to help a person trapped on a forklift and later passed away from  
490 the severe burns he received as a result; and

491 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
492 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

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**PART XXIII**

494 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
495 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the northern bridge on U.S. 280 over Interstate 16 at exit  
496 143 in Bryan County is dedicated as the Georgia Southern Nursing Angels Memorial Bridge.

497 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 92 east of  
498 I-575 that spans Noonday Creek in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Patrick Price  
499 Memorial Bridge.

500 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 39 over  
501 Drag Nasty Creek in Clay County is dedicated as the James Bland, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

502 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 52  
503 East from First Avenue to Greenfield Road in Gilmer County is dedicated as the G.L. Huff  
504 Family Memorial Highway.

505 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 515 over Ada  
506 Street in Blue Ridge, Georgia, is dedicated as the John D. McDaniel Bridge.

507 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 515  
508 and First Avenue in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Ben Whitaker Intersection.

509 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 84 from  
510 the eastern corporate limits of the City of Ludowici to the Long County/Liberty County line  
511 is dedicated as the Chief Frank McClelland, Jr., Memorial Highway.

512 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 45 over  
513 Bear Creek in Terrell County is rededicated as the Kennedy and Hanner Bridge.

514 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 1  
515 southbound over Hod Chod-Kee Creek in Stewart County is dedicated as the Thomas Morton  
516 Fort, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

517 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 138 from  
518 State Route 85 to US 19/US 41 is dedicated as the Charles Ware, Sr., Memorial Highway.

519 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 85 over  
520 Metropolitan Parkway in Fulton County is dedicated as the Grace W. Davis Memorial  
521 Bridge.

522 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the Interstate 95 interchange at Exit  
523 7 in Camden County is dedicated as the Patriots of Thiokol Memorial Interchange.

524 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120  
525 between State Route 316 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett County is dedicated  
526 as the Richard L. Tucker Highway.

527 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120 from  
528 its intersection with State Route 13 in Duluth to Parsons Road in Johns Creek is dedicated  
529 as the Bill Russell Highway.

530 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 78 from Snellville  
531 to Loganville in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Wayne Mason Highway.

532 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 52 and  
533 Major Abercrombie Road in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the James Chapman  
534 Intersection.

535 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Harbins Road and  
536 Winder Highway (State Route 8) in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Mayor Jimmy  
537 Wilbanks Intersection.

538 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Flat Shoals Road/State  
539 Route 155 over SR 407/Interstate 285 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Marlon Harris  
540 and New Life Church Bridge.

541 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Nelson Brogdon  
542 Boulevard/Highway 20 crossing over the railroad tracks located just before the intersection  
543 of Highway 20 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the  
544 Maron Sidney Buice Bridge.

545 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from  
546 Kings Drive to Higgins Road in Butts County is dedicated as the Congressman Mac Collins  
547 Memorial Highway.

548 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Highway 56 from  
549 Brier Creek to Old Waynesboro Road in Burke County is dedicated as the R. Wayne  
550 Crockett Memorial Highway.

551 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from  
552 Old Carrollton Road to the Chattahoochee River is dedicated as the Jimmy Lassetter  
553 Memorial Highway.

554 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
555 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this  
556 resolution.

557 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
558 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
559 Department of Transportation; to Mr. Richard L. Tucker, Dr. Bill Russell, Mr. Wayne  
560 Mason, Reverend Marlon Harris and New Life Church, and Mr. Maron Sidney Buice; and  
561 to the families of Caitlyn Baggett; Morgan Bass; Emily Clark; Abbie Deloach; Catherine  
562 McKay Pittman; Mr. Patrick Price; Mr. James Bland, Sr.; G.L. Huff; Reverend John D.  
563 McDaniel; Mr. Benjamin "Benny" Norton Whitaker; Chief Frank McClelland, Jr.; Mr.  
564 Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr.; Thomas Morton Fort, Jr.; Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware, Sr.;  
565 the Honorable Grace Wilkerson Davis; Mr. James Price "Pa" Chapman; Mayor Jimmy  
566 Wilbanks; Congressman Michael Allen "Mac" Collins; Mr. R. Wayne Crockett; and Mr.  
567 Jimmy Lassetter.